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EGYPTIAN FRONT

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announced that some Israeli forces have crossed the Suez Canal in the central area. This action has been going on for some hours. He did not have information on the size or composition of the forces.

SYRIAN FRONT

- (S) On the eastern front (Syria), the Jordanians have entered the battle in a combined attack consisting of Syrians, Iraqis and Jordanians. The attack was repelled by the Israelis with a total loss of some 70-100 Arab tanks of which 20-30 were estimated to be Jordanian. On an overall basis, the Israelis estimated that the biggest loss of the three Arab forces involved were by the Jordanians. The Israelis now question whether Hussein can restore order in the ranks in the face of the losses and prevent the opening of a third front along the Jordan-Israeli border. If this occurs, the Israelis fear sharp action because it will be necessary to protect Israeli civilian settlements in the Jordan valley.

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